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To the Rector, Church Committee, and Seat Holders of Holy Trinity.

GENTLEMEN:—

The Churchwardens of Holy Trinity, New Westminster, in submitting their report for the year terminating at Easter, 1867, desire in the first place to express their satisfaction at the general results of the transactions of the past year, taking into due consideration the great drawback the Church has had to contend with during that period, namely the want of proper Church accommodation.

That serious damage has resulted to the interests of the English Church here generally and to those of Trinity Church in particular, from the loss of the building by fire there can be no reasonable doubt.

The Churchwardens, however, confidently look forward to the completion of a new Church, which it is hoped ere many months, will be ready for the celebration of Divine worship, and trust that renewed prosperity will result therefrom.

In handing in the annexed Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure for the year, the Churchwardens desire to remark that the strictest economy has been observed, rendered more necessary by the great difficulty experienced in getting in pew rents, something like $150 being now six months or more, overdue.

The Churchwardens would desire to impress upon seatholders the urgent want of the Church for funds, and the necessity for prompt payment of the amounts due, if they desire the affairs of the Church to prosper.

It will be observed that during the past year no less a sum than $1146 93 has been paid for the salary of the Clergymen; of this amount $375 was the salary due the late Rector while absent, the balance however in hand at Easter 1866, was only $291 69, so that in reality the past year was commenced with a debt of $85. A balance of $200 49 now remains which will no doubt be much required to meet the needs of the present year.

The average Sunday collections have amounted to $14. The actual amount collected to $798 52.

The amount accruing from Pew Rents was $452.

The interest of the Church Building Fund realized $500, an amount on which we shall not be able to rely for this year if the building of the new Church is carried out.

The average Sunday attendance has been 122. Morning, 81, evening 41.

The number of communicants is about 40.

The attendance at Sunday School has considerably fallen off during the year; the reason of this is not at present exactly apparent to the Churchwardens, but they consider that Sunday School interests will be much enhanced by this School being held in the Church when complete.

In conclusion the Churchwardens can only hope that the utmost efforts of the Congregation will be given to support the building and maintenance of the new Church, and under the blessing of the Almighty they have no doubt that renewed vigor will be thereby instilled into the Congregation and consequent prosperity ensue therefrom.

CHARLES GOOD,
W J ARMSTRONG,
Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church, New Westminster.

Abstract of Accounts rendered for the Year ending Easter, 1867.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance from last year	$ 290 69	By Back Stipend due Mr. Sheepshanks	$ 375 00
Pew Rents	452 00	Stipend to Mr. Sheepshanks to 20th January, 1867	665 00
Sunday Collections	798 52	Stipend to Mr. Hayman, 20th February to 31st March, @ $1000 ⅌ annum	106 93
Interest on Loan of $5000	500 00	Sexton's Salary	120 00
Proceeds of Annual Tea Meeting	31 25	Rent of Church Building	240 00
Subscription towards purchase of Harmonium	77 50	Miscellaneous Expenditure	118 11
		Repairs to Rectory	37 75
		Insurance Premium on Rectory	13 50
		Aid to destitute member of Congregation	15 00
		Subscription to Bell Club	30 00
		Taxes on Church Lots	27 43
		Harmonium purchase and repairs	165 00
		Advertising for plans for Church	15 75
		Advance to Architect	20 00
		Balance	200 49
	$ 2149 96		$ 2149 96

Balance on hand.....$200 49.

Compared with Books, Vouchers and Cash in hand and found correct,

V. B. TAIT,
ARTHUR T. BUSHBY,
Auditors appointed by the Vestry.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 6th, 1867.

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